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	10/539,858	GRIESSER ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Xiuqin Sun	2863	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 9.


Identification of prior art discussed: _____

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

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(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Date: March 21, 2007

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This amendment is response to the Office Action mailed December 21, 2005, the current due date being March 21, 2006. Please enter the following amendment and consider the following arguments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims

1-8 Canceled

9. (Currently Amended) A method of improving a tire pressure detection system with indirect measurement, the tire pressure detection system detects tire pressure using wheel speed data, the method comprising:

determining one or more reference values, wherein the one or more reference values are dependent upon driving parameters;

producing a two-dimensional or multi-dimensional completely closed range of driving parameters, wherein the determined one or more reference values are admitted as being valid;

placing a band around an imaginary curve of the function of a first driving parameter depending on a second driving parameter; and

forming the closed range of driving parameters in a plane using the band, wherein the plane is spread out by the first driving parameter and the second driving parameter and the curve is plotted during stationary travel, wherein data input to the pressure detection system is activated or deactivated based on the driving parameters.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the driving parameters

include a selection of two or more driving parameters from a group including: lateral acceleration; characteristic quantity for strait travel; vehicle yaw rate; vehicle lateral acceleration; wheel torque; tire torsion; slip; and vehicle speed.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the driving parameter wheel torque is the wheel torque of a driven wheel or a quantity of corresponding behavior, with the wheel torque being determined using a rating which results from engine data and power transmission data.
12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the lateral acceleration and the yaw rate are either measured by sensors or produced from wheel rotational data.
13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the first driving parameter is the wheel torque and the second driving parameter is the vehicle speed. further comprising:

~~placing a band around an imaginary curve of the function of a first driving parameter depending on a second driving parameter, wherein the first driving parameter is the wheel torque and the second driving parameter is the vehicle speed; and~~

~~forming the closed range of driving parameters in a plane using the band, wherein the plane is spread out by the first driving parameter and the second driving parameter and the curve is plotted during stationary travel.~~
14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the first zone of driving parameters spreads out a plane at a defined value of the second driving parameter jointly with a third driving parameter, such as the lateral acceleration or the yaw rate, wherein a surface of the plane depends on the second driving parameter and the third driving parameter.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the band includes a discontinuity) which expands or narrows the range of driving parameters within the range defined by the band within a range of the second driving parameter.
16. Canceled.

REMARKS

Claims 9-16 were pending in the application with all of the claims rejected for being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 13-15 were indicated as containing subject matter that was allowable over the prior art.

Claims 9 and 13 have been amended while claim 16 was cancelled. Claim 9 was amended to add the subject matter in claim 13 that was indicated as allowable and to add that "data input to the pressure detection system is activated or deactivated based on the driving parameters." This indicates that an input of a tire pressure monitoring system is controlled by the claimed method. As indicated by the specification, this control prevents the output of false alarms that erroneously indicate that one or more tires have a low pressure. Therefore, it is believed that claim does in fact produce a tangible result and that a practical application of the claim is present. Applicants respectfully submit that claims are directed to allowable subject matter and request that the Examiner withdraw the 35 U.S.C § 101 rejection.

Claims 9-12 and 16 were rejected as being anticipated by *Gustafsson et al.*, U.S. Publication No. 20030172728. Claim 9 has been amended to add the allowable features of claim 13. Claims 10-15 depend on claim 9. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 9-15 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 9-15 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 9-15 is earnestly submitted.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned agent to set up such conference.

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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with attorney Craig A. Hallacher on 05/02/2007.

Replace the Claim 9 with the following:

--Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A method of improving a tire pressure detection system with indirect measurement, the tire pressure detection system detects tire pressure using wheel speed data, the method comprising:

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input to the pressure detection system is activated or deactivated based on the driving parameters.--

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 9-15 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Please see previous office action dated on 12/21/2006 and applicant's responses with respect to claims 9-15 received on 03/21/2007 for reasons for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Xiuqin Sun whose telephone number is (571)272-2280. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Barlow can be reached on (571)272-2269. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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